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: CELLS, METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME,
: AND SOLID POLYMER FUEL CELL
: INCLUDING THE SAME

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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— A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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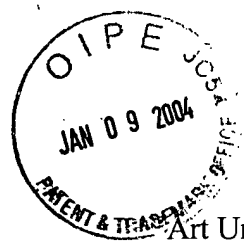
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In response to the Official Action dated November 19, 2003, Applicants amend the
Application as follows:

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02 FC:1202 198.00 OP